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Complaint against the President and Executive Officer, Panchayat Board, Kulittalai

* 1949 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaint has been received by the Government from Sri V. Balasubramaniam, Editor, 'Vivasayi' regarding some corrupt practices by the President and Executive Officer, Panchayat Board, Kulittalai, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) After due enquiry the President of the Kulittalai Panchayat was warned and the executive officer of the panchayat was censured for the irregularities committed by them."

Provident Fund-cum-Insurance Scheme for policemen

* 1050 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of persons in the Police Force who have joined the Provident Fund-*cum*-Pension-*cum*-Insurance Scheme so far up to 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 7,788."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have all of them been compelled to join the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Here it is a question of option and no compulsion is involved in it."

Bye-products from Neyveli Lignite Mines

* 1051 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various bye-products obtained from the Lignite Mines of Neyveli; and

(*b*) the special feature of those products?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Jayankondan-Mathur road

* 1052 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to metal the mud road from Jayankondan to Mathur Railway station in Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) if so, why it has not been given effect to?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The road from Jayamkonda Cholapuram to Mathur Railway station consists of two bits—one forming part of Jayankondan–Sendurai road which is metalled and the other from Variyankaval to Mathur Railway station which is an unmetalled one. There is no proposal to metal the latter portion of the road."

Child-welfare centres

* 1053 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of labour cases attended to in child-welfare centres in the State during the year 1953–54?

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—

" (1) Number of cases attended to in all the districts during the year 1953	35,020
(2) Number attended to in all the municipalities including Madras City during the year 1953 –	172,027
Total	207,047 "

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, most of the child-welfare centres are located in the interior parts of the rural areas and they are not accessible to women health officers. The result is that they are camping in a place far away from these centres and are recording a false or wrong statement that they have visited these centres. Whether the Government are aware of it and if so, what action are they going to take in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, these child-welfare centres are opened by local bodies wherever there is need for them."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health, the scope and function of these child-welfare centres. Whether they are restricted to maternity cases and, if so, will the Government be pleased to extend it so as to embrace the children of the streets and the lanes who are placed in an unfortunate position for various social reasons? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Ante-natal work is done at these maternity centres. Women are given advice and treatment if necessary. Children are also attended to. Skimmed milk, multi-vitamin tablets, shark-liver oil, etc., are given free at many of these centres."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Even in a city like Madras only 50 per cent of the births are attended to by child-welfare centres and a very large number of children die for lack of milk. Will the Government come forward to give financial assistance to municipalities? "